

MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on May 25, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz, Louis Gesauldi and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, BOE Facilities Director Hans Otto and architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Report from Architects

Architect Malik provided the first report to the Committee on the Board of Education Central Office configuration. He described a revised first floor plan which kept public access to the large meeting room while keeping the BOE spaces separate. The result allowed for the majority of the education program to be met on the first floor. The mezzanine level would provide for storage, a lunch room and meeting room space. The design also eliminated access between the basement level and the main level to keep tenants separate from the BOE space.

Architect Arcari provided with Committee with his demographic analysis for discussion. He reviewed local and national trends suggesting that Darien's Senior population will peak by 2030 at 34% of the population. Senior Center statistics were also reviewed regarding lunch and program attendance levels which suggested a nominal increase over time. He noted that the data was young and that the data current collected should be continued. He was not convinced that other data would be helpful.

In summarizing his report, Mr. Arcari noted that growing demographics suggest a growing need for the Senior program, but not an increase in the number of program spaces. He could not recommend a reduction in the proposed program. Enough data does not exist to support an increase either. As a result, he could not recommend increasing the program beyond the present concept.

Mr. Arcari concluded by noting that Beinfield Architects were in the process of working on a design concept for the Committee's review. The design is anticipated to be completed in time for the Committee's next meeting.

b) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee

The Committee was given a brief update on the status of contract negotiations with the Architects and the Construction Manager.

Minutes

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The minutes for May 11, 2011, was moved by Mr. Hertz, seconded by Ms. Hagerty-Ross, and approved with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Administrative Officer